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Hazardous, Toxic and Radioactive Waste
Center of Expertise

Ms. Rose Harrelson
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Dear Ms. Harrelson:

This correspondence addresses the recent evaluation of Alta Analytical Laboratory, Inc. of El Dorado Hills, CA by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for chemical analysis in support of the USACE Hazardous, Toxic and Radioactive Waste Program.

Your laboratory is now validated for the parameters listed below:

METHOD	PARAMETERS	MATRIX ⁽¹⁾
8290	Dioxins	Water ⁽²⁾
8290	Dioxins	Solids ⁽²⁾
8280A	Dioxins	Water ⁽²⁾
8280A	Dioxins	Solids ⁽²⁾
1668A	PCB Congeners	Water
1688A	PCB Congeners	Solids

- Remarks:
- 1) 'Solids' includes soils, sediments, and solid waste.
 - 2) The laboratory has successfully analyzed a Proficiency Testing (PT) sample for this method/matrix.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Laboratory Inspection and Desk Audit Report. Your laboratory has responded to the deficiencies as noted in the report. No further responses are necessary.

Based on the successful analysis of the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference Proficiency Testing samples for the appropriate fields of testing, the results of the laboratory inspection, and your Corrective Action Report, your laboratory will be validated for sample analysis by the methods listed above. The evaluation, which was conducted for your facility, is based substantially on ISO Guide 25 (General Requirements for the Competence of

Testing Laboratories) and USACE Engineering Manual (EM) 200-1-3, Appendix I (Shell for Analytical Chemistry Requirements). The period of validation is 18 months and expires on February 24, 2007.

The USACE reserves the right to conduct additional laboratory inspections or to suspend validation status for any or all of the listed parameters if deemed necessary. It should be noted that your laboratory may not subcontract USACE analytical work to any other laboratory location without the approval of this office. This laboratory validation does not guarantee the delivery of any analytical samples from a USACE Contracting Officer Representative.

Any questions or comments can be directed to Thomas Georgian at (402) 697- 2567.

Sincerely,

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